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25. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion adapted for providing thereon said state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

28. (Amended) The information storage apparatus comprising:  
a storage medium in which information can be written;  
a supporting member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface; and  
a state-designating member on said second portion, for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is prohibited, wherein [a write-permitting or] a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this reissue application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 28 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments may be found at col. 4, lines 34-37 and col. 7, lines 29-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,145,023.

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